

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2008. More specifically, the Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement alleging that the present application includes a plurality of distinct inventions. More specifically, the Office Action separates the pending claims into the following groups: Group I (claim 1), Group II (claims 2 – 4) and Group III (claims 5 – 18).

The Office Action alleges that because the groups of inventions are independent or distinct, the restriction requirement is proper. Applicants hereby elect Group III (claims 5 – 18), for continued prosecution, without traverse.

Applicants cancel claims 1 – 4 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicants cancel these claims merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Furthermore, any and all findings of well-known art and Official Notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well-known for the particular and specific reasons that the claimed combinations are too complex to support such conclusions and because the Office Action does not include specific findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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